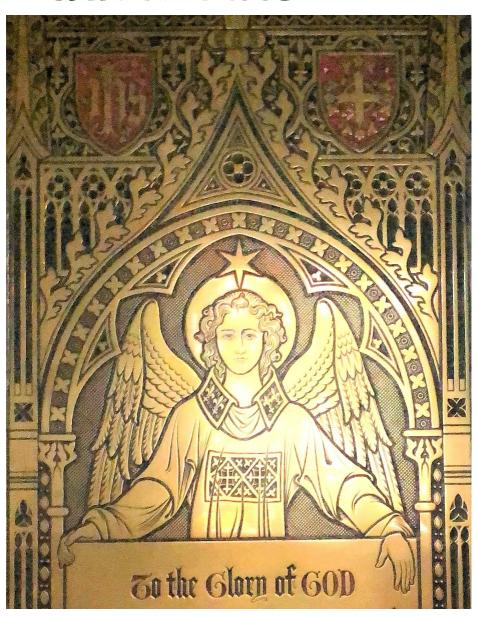
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Dear All

You may well be wondering about what happened regarding St Michael's hunt for a Churchwarden. Well our current warden Linda has very kindly offered to stay on for an additional year to be our full Churchwarden. We are incredibly grateful for her generosity in this as it means we have year to find and help train up someone to take her place.

I think we all recognise organised religion no longer holds the appeal that it used to. There are doubtless many reasons for this, including an increase in individuals looking for meaning and connection through spirituality, or the reports of abuse from within the church itself and the ongoing struggle for gay marriage. It's been a tough reality check for the church and we have been touched by those who have reached out with offers to help. It's easy to think of the church as superfluous to our busy modern lives yet despite this what has struck me is how much churches such as ours still offer our local communities:

- A visible presence in the village
- A place of peace and stillness
- A place to meet with God
- A centuries old faith
- Sunday services
- Hymns and music
- Prayers for individuals, the parishes and wider world
- Bellringing
- Traditional choir
- Traditional flower arranging
- Volunteering
- Family and memories
- Christmas
- Easter
- Remembrance Sunday

- History
- Caretakers of an ancient building and churchyard
- Hospitality and welcome
- Fellowship and community
- Lent lunches
- Winter lunches
- Afternoon teas
- Charitable giving
- Visiting
- Last rites
- Baptisms and blessings
- Weddings and blessings
- Funerals, interment of ashes and memorial services

I've probably forgotten a few but it tells me that even though we get it wrong at times, we are here trying to live out what we are called to do, to love God and our neighbours whoever they might be. This is your church and the building and the worshipping community within it is here for you no matter when or where you might need it. You may think faith and religion is a load of old rubbish, or have many tough questions to ask, you may be hurt or angry at God or the church for past experiences, you may feel that you the church will judge you or has deserted you, whatever it is, the church is going nowhere and will always be there for you.

Pru x



JUNE EVENTS

3 June, 7.15. Talk: On William Morris, Victorian Designer. DLHG, p.36

8 June, 2 pm. Guided Walk, Pebble Hill Nature Reserve. Re-Betchworth, p.27

10 June, 7.15pm. Talk: WW2 Defences in Surrey. DLHG on Zoom, p.36

15 June, 3pm. Concert: Ladybirds Choir, p.35

17 June, 2.30pm. Talk: Spa Towns. Arts Society Betchworth, p.29

19 June, 12.30pm. U3A Picnic, Buckland Park Lake, p.37

22 June, 4pm. Jazz in the Afternoon. B&B Choral Society, p.32-33

28 June, 12 noon. Summer Lunch, Buckland Reading Room, p.8

29 June, 4.30pm. Concert: Dorking Choral Society p.34

COVER PICTURE

This engraved brass memorial is inside our church: celebrating Reverend William Hotham, our Rector for 30 years, who died in 1883, aged 64

CHURCH SERVICES—JUNE

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
2 June 2024 Trinity 2		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
6 June 2024 THURSDAY MORNING		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
9 June 2024 Trinity 3	10am IONA Communion Revd. P. Dulley	5pm Choral Evensong Revd. P. Dulley
13 June 2024 THURSDAY MORNING		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
16 June 2024 Trinity 4		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
20 June 2024 THURSDAY MORNING		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
23 June 2024 Trinity 5	10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley	
27 June 2024 THURSDAY MORNING		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley
30 June 2024 Trinity 6	10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley	
7 July 2024 Trinity 7		10am Parish Communion Revd. P. Dulley

This month we continue our regular pattern of services alternating between the two churches and also, continue the extra

THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE.



VOLUNTEER ROLES—an update

Last Month we appealed for volunteers in a number of roles to support long standing village activities, which we need to maintain. **We have had some successes!**

Leigh Banks, who lives by the Village Green, posted on Buckland Village WhatsApp group Everett's 'plea to retire' - and she had a great response. She has organised separate WhatsApp support groups for the **Churchyard Gardening** and a rota for **Locking & Unlocking the Church** and during May the handover has already taken place and we are 'up-and-running' - allowing Everett his well-deserved retirement (if we can keep him away!!). Thanks so much Leigh for organising this. We can still add names to help on these activities, many hands reduced the load.

Reverend Pru has had a offer of help for the **Church Administration**, still to be discussed and agreed, hopefully this may also sort itself out.

And we have had two **New Church Choir Members** trying out our choir experience, so hopefully they will stay for more! Others are most welcome too.

We still have the following vacancies, two detailed in the May issue* and two new ones from FOSM & the Church Yard Fabric Fund (CCFF):

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ST MARY's CHURCHYARD & CHURCH FABRIC FUND (CCFF)—Treasurer of this small separate Charity that supports the church

Please contact Philip Haynes, 01737 842186, Philip.haynes@tiscali.co.uk

FRIENDS OF ST MARY's (FOSM) - Village Events Organiser (to support church funds) Please contact Chairman, Roger Daniell, rogerdaniell@icloud.com or Simon Thomas, sgthomas@btinternet.com

Updates will be provided each month until we are back on track to maintain our village activities. Please do come forward if you possibly can. The incumbents in these roles have each served the village for many, many years, and they deserve a retirement from duty! It is not to onerous and can be a rewarding way to give a little back to the community. **Thank you!**

A MULTIMEDIA SUCCESS

After Everett's appeal in **the printed Parish Magazine** last month, Leigh Banks posted the appeal for volunteers on the **What's App Buckland Chat Group**, followed by an appeal for contributions to a retirement gift for Everett. The Parish Clerk then the notified the appeal to a broader audience on the **Parish News email group**.

And the result is that we have a group of volunteers to take over from Everett, and a wider group raised a fairly spectacular £820 gift, presented as a cheque to Everett at his birthday party on 19 May 2024.



A MESSAGE FROM EVERETT....

Firstly, thank you so much, Buckland Village, for answering in such a positive way to our plea for help with locking and unlocking the church and for looking after the roses. Today, Sunday 19th May, our entire family mustered at The Reverie for lunch to celebrate 3 birthdays in May amongst us and we were surprised by Leigh and Catriona with a gorgeous painting (by Leigh) and a huge cheque for our contribution to Buckland life. We were absolutely flabergasted and it is difficult to express our gratitude for such wonderful gifts. Although we have not lived in Buckland since 2008, we still regard it as our home and it has a big place in our hearts. We will continue as long as possible to help make it such a wonderful place in which to live.

... and on a personal note

After 30 years in the village I have done a number of voluntary roles, each for a few years at a time, before moving on to different things. It started with bellringing, church choir, Events & Chair of Betchworth & Buckland Society, founder of the village website, Friends of St Mary's (FOSM), Church PCC member & Parish Magazine Editor. All rewarding in their own way, but I like to move on!

So, after being involved in the set-up of FOSM and still being here 12 years later, I am retiring from FOSM activity and the Committee in December 2024. I will continue as Editor of this Parish Magazine, a member of the PCC & Church choir, and support the rotas of church locking & gardening.

FOSM is basically the fund-raising committee to support the maintenance and upkeep of our lovely church building. FOSM urgently needs one or two new members to support village events to raise church finds, which may involve reinvigorating some version of the Buckland May Fayre, the Flower Festival, Village Open Gardens, or something entirely new? It can be a blank canvas or can build on what has gone before. Please do step forward if you are interested. Contact either Roger Daniell, FOSM Chairman; Simon Thomas, FOSM Treasurer, or myself, your Editor (at least for a while longer)!

Duncan Ferns

Oxted Community Hall, 53 Church Lane, RH8 9NB 26th June 2024 - 7:30 pm

This session – open to both clergy and lay leaders – explores the particular challenges of smaller parish churches and the potential to nurture vocations and lay leadership.

Our past Rector, The Venerable Carol Coslett, here in her present role for the Southwark Diocese as Assistant Director of Lay Ministry, will lead the talk on her experience as an Archdeacon in Derbyshire and as a parish priest in the more rural part of Southwark Diocese.

There will be an opportunity to see new resources, the latest news from the Arthur Rank Centre, including the new practical guide for village churches.

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Ginny Eaton

INVITATION TO SUMMER LUNCH

We are holding our annual summer lunch in the Buckland Reading room on Friday the 28th June. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch will be served from 12.15 pm. Last year 20 friends came and had lunch with us and we hope that this year we will see you all again and maybe more will come to have lunch and a good natter. The invite is open to everyone in Buckland and Betchworth but we would just ask if you could let myself or Liz Vahey know. The numbers to phone are Liz Vahey 01737 221444 and Carol Leeds 01737247399. The cost will be £4.50 a head or a donation. All proceeds go to charity which we all get to choose later. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Carol Leeds

FOODBANK AT ST MATTHEW'S, REDHILL

At Revd Anna Moore's initiative back in 2021, parishioners began donating non-perishable foodstuff and toiletries to St Matthew's Redhill Foodbank. Donations left in designated baskets in Betchworth and Buckland church porches are collected and delivered to St Matthew's.

To see how the Foodbank operates please go to the website *redhillfoodbank.org.uk*. This is a registered charity operating from the church premises. It is run entirely by volunteers, typically members of the congregation at St Matthew's. The Foodbank is responsive to client referrals' from thirteen voluntary sector agencies, including Welcare, the CAB, and Raven Housing Trust.

I hope that we will continue to support this initiative in the most practical way. Cash donations are also needed (see website for details) to fund support for those needing help with heating and other utility costs.

Please donate as and when you can to the collection points as follows: St Michael's, Betchworth – West Porch St Mary's, Buckland – Porch

There is a 'standard shopping list' compiled by the charity, listing items of food-stuffs and toiletries needed, and highlighting any priorities or shortages. This list is regularly updated and can be found on the website <code>redhillfoodbank.org.uk</code>

Many thanks, John Miller

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Pond Clearances – keep the date free

Two pond clearance events are planned for later in the year, on Sunday 18th August 2024 and Sunday 1st September 2024. More details will be published next month. For now, please mark the dates on your calendars to ensure you keep at least one of the days free to take part.



My Mole Valley

This is a service accessed via the home page of the MVDC website (www.molevalley.gov.uk) – look towards the right-hand side of the three-box menu located underneath any top-level banner.

If you select the "where you live" link you will be invited to choose an address (start typing and options will appear on the screen). A range of information will be displayed for your chosen address that will include waste collection dates, links to sign up for garden waste collection and/or assisted bin collection, contact details for your local MVDC Councillors and planning information relevant to the property you have selected.

If you click the "sign up for planning and waste collection updates" link you can sign up to MVDC's email notification service. This system gives you the option to receive a weekly reminder email regarding your bin collections and any service updates MVDC issues and an option to be informed about new planning applications located within 50m/100m/500m of your property.

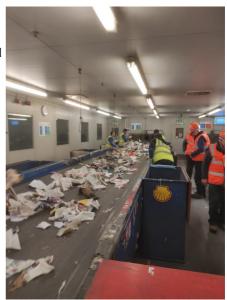
What do you think the Surrey Hills should be like at the end of this century? The Surrey Hills Board is asking you to help inspire the next Surrey Hills Management Plan, which will be the blueprint for the Surrey Hills National Landscape for the next 5 years. You are asked to: "embark on a journey to the year 2100 and envision the Surrey Hills as a thriving place for nature and people"; express your thoughts by "writing a Postcard from the Future". Click the link in the news item on the village website to submit your Postcard from the Future or visit https://arcg.is/vfCfPo.

Sheena Boyce, Clerk parishcouncil@bucklandsurrey.org.uk

RECYCLING BUCKLAND'S WASTE PRODUCTS AT LEATHERHEAD

Have you wondered what happens to the contents of your green bin after it has been collected?

During February an invitation was extended to Buckland Parish Council to visit the Materials Recovery Facility in Leatherhead (not to be confused with the Surrey CC recycling facility on the same site) to see what happens to the contents of our green recycling bins once the waste has been collected. Leatherhead is where Grundon Waste Management Ltd recover materials for use again. A small party of us were escorted round the site by Alec Powell, the site's general manager responsible for processing the collections from residents in Mole Valley, Elmbridge, Spelthorne and Woking.



Alec proudly pointed out that Grundon recycle 86% of the recycling waste collect-

ed. The remaining 14% is sent to an energy reclamation unit where it is burnt to provide power. The Leatherhead facility processes the waste to reclaim aluminium, steel, paper and cardboard. They also recover two types of plastic - high-density polyethylene, the type in which supermarkets sell milk and PET (polyethylene terephthalate), the type of plastic used to contain water and soft drinks. Other types of plastic are bundled as "mixed plastic". The sorted recycling waste is sent on to be reprocessed in other parts of the country. This was evident as all around the site there were sorted materials, in bundles waiting for onward transport to more specialist recycling centres.

What can legitimately be put into our green recycling bins? Alec provided some guidance and an insight into more efficient recycling.

Lids on glass jars and screw tops on bottles are separated during the processing at Leatherhead and labels come off during glass recovery elsewhere so there is no need to separate these from glass containers.



Left: Sorting conveyor

Right: Stacked Crushed Cans

Similarly, there's no need to remove Sellotape and parcel tape from cardboard boxes. However, cardboard which has contained food or grease, such as pizza boxes, must be put in the black bin. Any waste which contains any food residue must not be sent for recycling as it attracts rats and other vermin to the recycling centre. For the same reason please don't recycle plastic trays that have been used for meat or processed meals unless these are first carefully washed to remove any food residue.

Containers used for liquids comprising layers of aluminium foil, polymers and paper – pioneered by the Swedish company Tetra-Pak - cannot be recycled at recycling plants such as that at Leatherhead. According to Alec, there are only two facilities in the world which can recycle these cartons, one in the UK and one in Spain.

Most of the process at Leatherhead is automated, involving large conveyors and technologies employed to separate papers and steel cans from their aluminium counterparts. The recycling process at Leatherhead still relies heavily on manual sorting and a good eye to remove paper, from a fast moving conveyor belt. Newer technologies are constantly being developed to reduce manual handling but the economic benefit of such technology is not yet providing a viable solution for installation at Leatherhead.

Julian Steed, Parish Councillor



'AN ORGANIST REMEMBERS by Victoria Mather' An amusing contribution from our very own Chris Slater

Ivan is giving Monty Python a good thump at yet another dispiriting funeral which the bereaved have requested Always Look on the Brightside of Life and My Way, rather than some Elgar compositions. Sometimes he finds it hard to implement the Royal College of Music's principle that its alumni are versatile, creative musicians 'equipped to play an important role in the lives of their communities'.

Why is he not playing Cesar Franck's Chorale No.3 in A Minor in Westminster Abbey, rather than Best Funeral Songs to out to? The truth is that Ivan finds solace in the village ways of St Botolph and feels very protective about the good ladies in the choir, the last hurrah of the permanent wave. They have clung together since the arrival of Beverley, the terrifyingly enthusiastic woman vicar—'I'm Bev the Rev' - who likes hymns sung to the wrong tune.

Hitherto, St Botolph's has been a safe haven of the familiar, one could depend on Dear Lord & Father of Mankind and The Lord is My Shepherd (The Crimond version). They once had Lord of the Dance but Major Clutterbuck, the church warden, was outraged. On behalf of Ivan he is now waging war on Bev regarding Wedding Music. Who is Ed Sheeran? What is Thinking out loud? And why do Jordan and Liam want this when they walk down the aisle in his church? Widor's Toccata would do splendidly. Ivan feels that he and the choir may soon be replaced by the vicars aspirations for a sound system.

Admittedly the organ has not been tuned since the coronation of George VI, notable for the composition of Sir William Walton's mighty organ work Crown Imperial, but it is still a trusty friend to the sparse congregation. They like the wheezing approach to Immortal, Invisible. Bev says a sound system would rock the children on Messy Church Days, think finger painting to nursery rhymes.

'I doubt you'd want to waste your talent on Teddy Bear's Picnic, would you Ivan?' Bev had asked. Ivan said he did not know, no-one has yet asked him. It's a merry enough tune. He and Major Clutterbuck resort to a soothing pint the in The Dolphin.

ELECTION MEMORIES

The recent local elections stirred a memory for one of our Buckland residents. Many years ago, when the Buckland Councillor vote was not combined with other Parishes, our village count alone elected our Councillor. On the first count of the votes, the result was a dead heat. Successive counts – we don't know how many - confirmed the dead-heat result. So a coin was tossed and the result was duly accepted! The winning Councillor was a lady living in Rectory Lane. Perhaps someone could add some extra facts to the story? Please advise the Editor!

Ed: I did try to find something to back up this story in the newspaper archives, but to no avail. However, the unusual 'tie & coin tossing' to decide local council elections result has occasionally been reported in local newpapers. A quick search found the following examples: in Alford Lincolnshire 1906, Matlock Derbyshire 1923, Nelson Lancashire 1958, Rosybol & Dolgellau Rural 1970, and Wells Rural 1970. So it appears that the practice was, and perhaps still is(?), both accepted, legal and not without precedence.



AFTERNOON TEAS at THE HAMILTON ROOM 2024



Drop-in from 2-4pm on
The last Wednesday each Month
in the Hamilton Room, Church Street, Betchworth
Come for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and biscuits,
and a chat with friends

2024 Dates: 26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October and on 27th November our 13th Anniversary Party.

For transport / information: contact Margaret Miller on 01737 842098 We look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Miller

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF ART An opinion piece by Father Richard Rohr (Franciscan & Author)

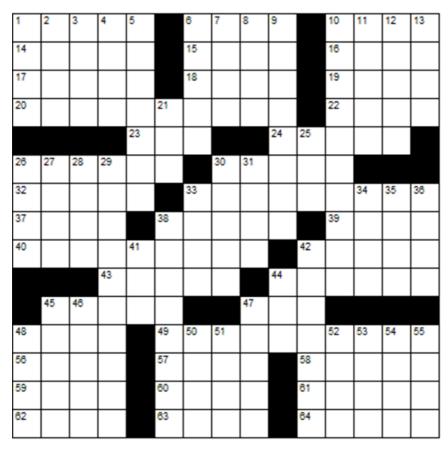
I believe good art has the power to evoke an epiphany. Sometimes, when we can't take our eyes off a picture or work of art, an epiphany is happening. We don't yet know what we're knowing while the wisdom of the unconscious is being ferried across to the conscious mind.

Carl Jung said great art presents an 'archetypal image'. On one of my very first speaking trips away from Cincinnati, I visited the St. Louis Art Museum. They had an exhibit of Claude Monet's water lilies; some paintings took up the whole wall. It was a quiet weekday afternoon, and as I went from room to room, I found myself getting quieter and happier, quieter and happier. When I walked out into the sunshine after the exhibit, I felt like I floated home. I wasn't waiting for an epiphany, but I think I was granted one anyway. I don't know that I had a new piece of doctrinal information or theological insight, but the experience connected me to something deep and true within. To this day when I'm in a city and have some time free, I go to an art museum.

Folk artist and Living School alumna Lourdes Bernard writes: 'Art invites audiences to consider the spirituality and transformative power of images. Engaging art offers respite, contemplation, even as it shares powerful, inspiring, or difficult stories. Art images are real and alive and have the power to change us and cause change.... They can shift our perspective on what we thought we knew and understood about a subject. Too often, art is considered decorative, and it is significantly more than that. Engaging with art means we have to slow down to allow a new experience to enter which perhaps cannot be accessed in another way. It can be an expansive experience. '

I believe good art, good poetry, and true mythology communicates, without our knowing it, that life is not just a series of insulated, unrelated events. The great truths—when they can be visualized in images—reveal deep patterns, and reveal that we are a part of them. That deeply heals us, and it largely happens beneath our conscious awareness. A great story pulls us inside of a cosmic story. If we're Christian, our cosmic story is the map of the life of Jesus, the divine conception, ordinary life, betrayal, abandonment, rejection, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. It all comes full circle. We might not really believe it. We might not have surrendered to it or trust it, but if we can, it makes us much happier people. Our happiness is on a surface level, of course, because suffering is everywhere. We don't close our eyes to the world's pain, but on a deep, unconscious level, a cosmic story offers us healing and coherence. Good art gives us a sense that we belong in that story, we belong in that world.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD Solution p.38



ACROSS

- 1. Monastery head 6. Sharp intake of
- breath
- 10. Abbey area
- 14. Audacity
- 15. Bobbin
- 16. Edges
- 17. Bay window
- 18. District
- 19. Extended family
- 20. Instigators

- 22. Tube
- 23. Type of hat
- 24. We chew with
- them
- 26. Color of the
- midday sun
- 30. Dress or polo
- 32. Perpendicular to
- the keel
- 33. Dubious writings
- 37. Backside
- 38. Swings around

- 39. Juicy fruit
- 40. Conditioners
- 42. Desert plants
- 43. Cast out
- 44. Chatted
- 45. Get together
- 47. Tin
- 48. Steer
- 49. Irrespective
- 56. Margarine
- 57. Colored part of
- the eye

- 58. Tropical vine 59. French for
- "Names"
- 60. Egyptian river
- 61. School
- assignment
- 62. Make a sweater
- 63. Neuter
- 64. Stairs

DOWN

- 1. Dwarf buffalo
- 2. Large mass of floating ice
- 3. On-board prison
- 4. Completed

Telecommunication

- 6. Clutch
- 7. Pertaining to flight
- 8. Fortune teller
- 9. Acrylics etc

- 10. Prototypical
- 11. Plane driver
- 12. Break into pieces
- 13. Feudal worker 21. Wood-
- cutting tool 25. Be mistaken
- 26. Blabs
- 27. River in Spain
- 28. Table extender
- 29. Most recent
- 30. Gush

- 31. Garden tools
- 33. Anagram of
- "Sale"
- 34. An American dry
- measure 35. Detest
- 36. Dry
- 38. Derisive 41.
- Ovum
- 42. Wax lights
- 44. Driveway surface
- 45. A fruit of the

- gourd family 46. Lacquer
- ingredient
- 47. Enclosed
- 48. Blow a car horn 50. A Great Lake
- 51. Pint fraction
- 52. Itemize
- 53. Lack of difficulty
- 54. Break in two
- 55. Declares



'Not to put the cart before the horse, but what are your thoughts on cannibalism?'



'If I knew what was wrong with it, I wouldn't need an IT Department'



'As slim as your chances are for salvation, it's nice to see that you keep trying'



'Oh dear—spiteful to the very end'

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WORDSEARCH—Erasmus, patron saint of sailors

Boats Courage
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Fire Saints
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Storm Sea Fourth Century Bishop

Legend Preaching Thunder Ground Respect

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Features

GARDENING NOTES June gardening notes: The power of scent

At any time of year there are many scents in the garden that will tantalise the senses. No doubt we all have memories of flowers from years ago which bring back happy memories and moments in our lives. I suggest planting plenty of scented shrubs and plants near your front door so that you will have the excitement every few months of a new aroma – often when you are least expecting it.

During the summer, there is little that can surpass the wonderful and often overpowering scent of roses, especially if they are planted en masse or clambering over an archway. Nearby Polesden Lacey and the RHS gardens at Wisley have excellent rose borders which will amaze and delight. If you grow them, remember to keep dead-heading and cut the best samples to enjoy in bud vases in the home.

If you have space to grow them up a frame, sweet peas are one of everyone's favourite, again best enjoyed indoors for their delicate aroma. Feed well and keep cutting and they can continue producing blooms well into August. Lily of the Valley will grow well in dense shade, where often the choice of suitable plants can be limited. If they are happy, over the years they will spread to make a carpet of pure white sweetly-scented bell-shaped flowers.

For a heavy scent, stocks will delight, coupled with their pastel shades of pink, cream, and mauve. Spring hyacinths have an equally powerful aroma which will fill a room. As for cut flowers, carnations, freesia and chrysanthemums are all traditional favourites.

For winter and early spring scent, sarcococca, daphne and skimmia all have a wonderful aroma which can lift the spirits in the cooler months. This is just a taster, there are so many more: jasmine, lilies, citrus, deciduous azaleas and lilacs to name a few.

David Hogg, Buckland Nurseries

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On the impossibility of keeping silence in church

The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your remark that you rather liked the silence we keep before starting Services gave me pause for thought. I suppose all things are relative. I know that the noise



your congregation makes before worship resembles a packed stand on the football terraces any Saturday afternoon, but the days seem long-gone when I could expect our congregation to sit in real silence for ten minutes.

There's the sound of the treasurer counting the previous day's jumble sale takings, of the ladies at the back asking each other when the fish van will next come round, and of Major Hastings's deafening whisper as he comments some women's choice of hats. Add to this the weekly competition between the organist and the bell ringers to see who can make the most noise, the roar from the choir vestry as they all complain they don't like my choice of hymns and the sound of books, umbrellas and collection money being dropped. I sometimes suspect that an informal rota is arranged whereby people volunteer to drop heavy objects in rotation, thus maintaining a constant clatter, for which no single person can be held responsible.

There is also the weekly ritual when the verger – always waiting until the church is full – goes round each microphone, giving them a bash and bellowing "Testing, testing" and relishing the echo as it bounces off the walls.

The only time the noise level drops significantly is if the congregation see Miss Simpson sidle up to me to have one of her confidential little chats about someone in the village. Everyone knows that her information will provide more than enough to keep gossip flourishing for the following week.

Equally, periods of silence during Services are rarely welcomed; some find them threatening, but the majority simply assume it means I have lost my place. I gave up after one occasion when, on announcing we would say the Lord's Prayer and then leaving a time of silence for recollection, a choirman leaned over to me and whispered helpfully: "It begins 'Our Father'"

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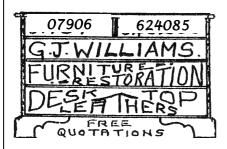
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Give an example of an oxymoron:

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The Woodman Family:

THE INSCRIPTIONS on three gravestones

RW 1713

[This is the full inscription, but it is definitely RIchard Woodman, as he was the only person with the initials RW to die in 1713 in Buckland's Parish Register]. (Plot 241)

Here lyeth the body of <u>John Woodman</u> who departed this life on August the XX 1716 aged 48 years, and

Here also lyeth the body of <u>Sarah</u>, <u>his wife</u> who departed this life March 26th 1726 aged 60 years.

(Plot 33)

Here lyeth the body of <u>Richard Woodman</u> late of Reigate, who departed this life the 25th day of November 1734 in the 61st year of his age, and

Here lyeth interred ye body of <u>Frances</u>, wife of Michael Barnes of Reigate & <u>daughter of Richard Woodman</u>. She departed this life the 24th August 1736, aged 31 years. Here also lies the body of <u>Michael Barnes</u>, son of the said Michael Barnes and <u>Frances his wife</u>, He departed this life the 19th of January 1729, aged 15 weeks

(Plot 229)

Plots 33, 229 & 241 Buckland MI Report The inscriptions (see left box) denote three surviving gravestones, with 4 members of the Woodman family remembered on these 3 graves (plus a wife born Woodman, with the married name Barnes, and her infant child Barnes).

However, we must not take this to be the sum total of burials of the Woodman family in Buckland...

We are lucky that Buckland Parish Registers began in 1560, and we have an indexed transcript document of Births, Marriages and Burials from 1560 to 1836¹. Analysis of this document shows that a staggering 66 members of the Woodman family were buried at Buckland St Mary's between the years of 1576 and 1767. The three surviving gravestones from 1713, 1726 and 1736 are simply the only remaining headstones, and the other 62 burials have an unrecorded presence somewhere in our graveyard.

The grave of Richard Woodman from 1713 is the oldest surviving gravestone in our graveyard today!

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Number	Date	Burial		Note in Parish Register
41	1576	Richard	Woodman	of Colley
	1577	Catherine	Woodman	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
- 1	1583	Julian	Woodman	
	1586	Agnes	Woodman	widow
	1586	Joane	Woodman	daughter of John of Colley
42	1595	John	Woodman	son of John of Colley
	1598	(Not named)	Woodman	wife of John of Dodlands [Doods]
-	1599	John	Woodman	of Dodlands
43	1606	William	Woodman	of Dodlands
43	1610	John	Woodman	of Dodianas
	1613	(Not named)	Woodman	wife of John of Colley
-	1620	William	Woodman	sone of William of East Betchworth
	1623	William (junior)	Woodman	son of Willam Dodlands
44	1625			
44		Elizabeth	Woodman	wife of Robert
	1626	John (Junior)	Woodman	son of Robert
	1634	Thomas	Woodman	son of William & Elizabeth
	1638	Not named	Woodman	Stillborn child of Robert & Frances
45	1642	Robert	Woodman	
	1647	Not named	Woodman	two sons of William (1)
	1647	Not named	Woodman	two sons of William (2)
	1654	Charles	Woodman	son of William & Elizabeth
	1655	Richard	Woodman	ye Elder, at ye Parsonage Green, and husband of Eliza
46	1655	William	Woodman	son of Ralph & Ann of Reigate
	1659	Ann	Woodman	wife of Ralph
	1659	William	Woodman	husband of Mary of Reigate
	1663	Mary	Woodman	daughter of Richard & Catherine
	1668	Richard	Woodman	
1	1669	Edward		servant to Mr Browne [ie George Browne, who was
			Woodman	buried in Buckland in 1675]
47	1672	William	Woodman	
	1676	John	Woodman	
	1677	William	Woodman	son of William of Reigate
	1681	Allen	Woodman	***
	1681	Not named	Woodman	widow, of Doods
	1688	Catherine	Woodman	widow of Richard
48	1696	Elizabeth	Woodman	daughter of Ralph
	1696	Elizabeth	Woodman	daughter of Allen
	1696	Ralph	Woodman	
	1700	Allen	Woodman	son of John
-	1700	Not named	Woodman	daughter of Ralph
-	1701	Sarah	Woodman	wife of John, Yeoman
-	1701	William	Woodman	son of John, Yeoman
-	1704	Edward	Woodman	(who received alms)
	1704	Not named	Woodman	daughter of Richard of Reigate
49	1707	Edward	Woodman	of Betchworth
	1713	Richard	Woodman	of Reigate
	1715	Martha	Woodman	wife of Richard
	1716	John	Woodman	of Dowdes
	1719	Thomas	Woodman	
	1721		Woodman	(Junior)
	1724	Mark	Woodman	,
50	1725	Elizabeth	Woodman	wife of Ralph
	1726	Sarah	Woodman	wife of John of Dowdes
	1727	Hum. [Humbert?]	Woodman	
	1728	Not named	Woodman	widow
	1730	John	Woodman	son of Ralph
_	1730	Ralph	Woodman	
	1733	Philadelphia	Woodman	Woodman alias Bull. Daughter of Elizabeth of Ewell
52	1/33		Woodman	of Reigate
52		IRichard	1	
52	1734	Richard Richard	Woodman	Late servant to Mr Browne
52	1734 1735	Richard	Woodman	Late servant to Mr Browne
52	1734 1735 1736	Richard Mary	Woodman	widow of Betchworth
	1734 1735 1736 1748	Richard Mary Mary	Woodman Woodman	
52	1734 1735 1736 1748 1759	Richard Mary Mary Ralph	Woodman Woodman Woodman	widow of Betchworth widow of Reigate
53	1734 1735 1736 1748 1759 1761	Richard Mary Mary Ralph John	Woodman Woodman Woodman	widow of Betchworth widow of Reigate son of Ralph & Sarah
	1734 1735 1736 1748 1759	Richard Mary Mary Ralph	Woodman Woodman Woodman	widow of Betchworth widow of Reigate

The table on the previous page shows the full listing of Woodman family burials as recorded in the Buckland Parish Register¹. This record does not give the ages of those buried, and in nine of the burials even the name is missing; the identification is simply noted as 'widow Woodman', or 'wife of John Woodman'. Often there is a note of the relationship to kin, but not always. No other information is available.

The Woodman family in Buckland Court Rolls

In the book of Buckland's history², there were a few mentions of the early presence of the Woodman family in Buckland.

Buckland Estate was purchased in 1653 by George Browne and it has not been sold since that date. It has passed 'down the inheritance line' to the current Sanders family. It was George Browne who established the 'Buckland Court' roles of The Steward and Homage (a Committee of selected people), keeping records in the Minute Book called the 'Buckland Court Rolls.3' This Committee operated rather like a Parish Council, but with more powers over law and order, caring for the poor, movingon vagrants, and general maintenance of the village roads and paths. The Steward and Homage comprised individual villagers selected by the Lord of the Manor who could be trusted with such responsibilities. Although members of the same family could be present on the Committee, this was not a

right and was simply because the Lord of the Manor favoured each of them as individuals.

One bit of analysis in the book of Buckland's history (p. 271-273)² was a table of the number of family members who had taken a role on the Steward and Homage Committee, and for how many years each family name served between 1655 and 1792, when a different type of governance was introduced. At the top of this table were the Woodman family, who had 7 family members each taking a role at different times, totalling 137 man-years service - all between 1655 and 1736. [The Lawrence family were second in line, with 4 family members taking a role for 116 man-years, and 16 further families with between 1 and 4 family members, serving between 12 and 63 years per family]. This analysis shows that the Woodman family maintained some respect and importance in the village for 5 or 6 generations over the whole period from 1655-1736 (see table opposite).

Where the Woodman's lived

There are a few mentions of the houses they lived in the Parish Register: Colley (now Colley Farm, Colley Lane, Reigate); Dodlands (now Dowdes Farm, Lawrence Lane Buckland), Parsonage Green (near Glebe House, Rectory Lane, Buckland), and others who had lived in Betchworth and Reigate, were returned to Buckland for burial with their family.

Name		From	То	Years service
Woodman	William	1655	1691	36
Woodman	Thomas	1662	1671	9
Woodman	Allan	1676	1680	4
Woodman	Mark	1678	1678	1
Woodman	Richard	1680	1730	50
Woodman	John	1700	1736	36
Woodman	Ralph	1727	1727	1

Number of years service on the Buckland Court Homage (Committee) of the Woodman family

The village history book² (p.26-29) also noted that in the 1653 survey & map of Buckland compiled for George Browne, there were three Woodman households in Buckland: Richard Woodman at Steepers Moore, William Woodman at Doods (now Dowdes Farm), and Winifred Woodman (spinster) at an unnamed house.

In the Buckland Estate Archives, there are 24 members of the Woodman family in the index file. Most of these references are to deeds leasing property and fields, with enticing names such as Boarshaw (1562), Thurstones (1589), Putsant (1673), The Brocks (1678) and Slangham (1697). Unfortunately, the location of these properties or fields is unknown today.

The Woodman's Livelihoods

Surnames were introduced in England after 1066. It is stating the obvious that this family probably worked the wood-

lands and forests of Surrey, which is the foundation of the surname 'Woodman'. Throughout the Woodman's residence in Buckland, rural life was entirely feudal, with the Estate Landowners owning all the land and property, and almost all the people being employed on the estate, mostly in agricultural production. There were around 10 Farms in Buckland and each would have a Farm Manager who had some degree of autonomy having a formal lease of land and property from the Estate, but remaining answerable to the Lord of the Manor. The Farm Managers would often be called Yeoman, the title given to John Woodman of Dowdes (d.1716). It is likely that the majority of the others in the family were agricultural labourers in Buckland, or in service to the Estate in other roles.

Notes in the Parish Register mention that Edward Woodman d.1669 and Richard Woodman d.1735 were employed as servants to Mr Browne (Lord of the Manor).

Plot 229 has the body of Frances Woodman, who married Michael Barnes of Lewes. Michael Barnes (1703-1776) was the subject of 'Past Lives 27' in Buckland Parish Magazine. Michael became a Solicitor and established his practice in Reigate in 1729, whilst living in Buckland. His legal practice became the foundation of the Solicitor's later called Morrisons, and now call Morr & Co with it's head office in Redhill, which has been in business almost 300 years.

The wealth that Michael Barnes generated may explain the ornate stone headstones with carved Cherub heads, for both himself and wife Frances.

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But we seem to be getting the hang of it pretty quickly. At end of April, we had our opening drive and as organiser I had the pleasure of watching some very goods

bowls being played. It actually turned out to be a bit of a one horsed race and was comfortably won by two of our committee members. Carol Jull, our catering manager and our Treasurer Peter Chase who were a long way clear at the end of proceedings. Well done to them and also to all that competed.

We have only played one competitive so far which was in the North Downs League, which will definitely pit us against the big boys in the area. And what a good start we have made. We played away at Dorking and won on two of the three rinks and won overall and therefore gained eight of the ten points available. An excellent start in what is probably one of the toughest Leagues in the County. The draws for our dozen internal competitions will be made at the beginning of May and the Surrey singles and doubles start at the end of May. Busy times ahead.

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MONDAY 17 JUNE 2.30 pm Betchworth Village Memorial Hall (and on Zoom)

The origins of Britain's Spas go back to pre-Roman times when they developed from mineral springs or holy wells associated with local myths. During the 16C the Tudors started taking the waters as standard medical practice. Then in the 18C the Spa towns were transformed into fashionable watering places for Georgian society, who gathered there to dance, gamble, gossip and flirt as well as to take the waters. Splendid archi-



tecture, extensive parks and colourful gardens were created to attract the Beau Monde to these beautiful towns. Twelve of these exist today amongst the most famous being Bath, Cheltenham, Harrogate, Buxton and Malvern.

Our lecturer Jane Tapley is currently Special Events Organiser, Theatre Royal Bath. Consultant to various TV productions of Jane Austen adaptations on food in the 18th and 19th centuries. Hosts and cooks period meals in her Regency house in Bath for the Jane Austen Festival and other literary groups.

To register for Zoom or for further information please contact tasbtours@gmail.com.

www.theartssocietybetchworth.org.uk Carole Evans

MUSIC IN DORKING—FOR JUNE



15th at 3.00, Ladybirds Choir at United Reformed Church Hall, £7.50, 882457

22nd at 4.00, Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society at St Michael's church, Betchworth, £10 22nd at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's

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29th at 4.30, Dorking Choral Society at St Paul's church, £15

This is the time of year when several of our local choirs have their summer concerts. See the following 3 pages for further details!

The Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society has a concert entitled 'Jazz in the Afternoon' with music by Will Todd, Bob Chilcott and George Shearing. They promise cool music, tea, and fizz!

Dorking Choral Society's summer concert will provide a delightful mixture of jazz and Shakespeare settings. There will be Shakespeare love songs by Owain Park, songs and sonnets by George Shearing, and jazz favourites from Duke Ellington, alongside music by James MacMillan and the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo. The music will be performed in a relaxed setting with table seating, so bring some snacks to enjoy during the concert.

The Ladybirds Choir, directed by Helena Twentyman, will present 'Songs from the Silver Screen', including Moon River, Born Free, and Lara's Theme (from Doctor Zhivago). They will also perform Waterloo to celebrate Abba's Eurovision triumph 50 years ago! The concert is in aid of the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity which supports families where a child has a life-threatening or terminal illness. There will be tea and cakes to enjoy after the concert!

The Dorking Philharmonia, conducted by Paul Newbold, will play Schumann's Overture, scherzo and finale, Bizet's early Symphony in C, and a group of light and tuneful works by Elgar.

The Dorking Halls will close for four months, starting in June, for essential maintenance work on the ceiling of the grand hall. So there are no opera and ballet screenings or other events to mention at the moment.

Ian Codd



We're very pleased to say all our hard work leading up to April's Leith Hill Music Festival paid off! Here's what Nicholas Owen had to say about us in his review:

'Congratulations to Buckland and Betchworth Choral Society for terrific performances at the latest annual Leith Music Festival back. They had great success during the day, doing exceptionally well in competition with other local societies – then joined the other groups for a marvellous evening of singing in front of a packed Dorking Halls audience.

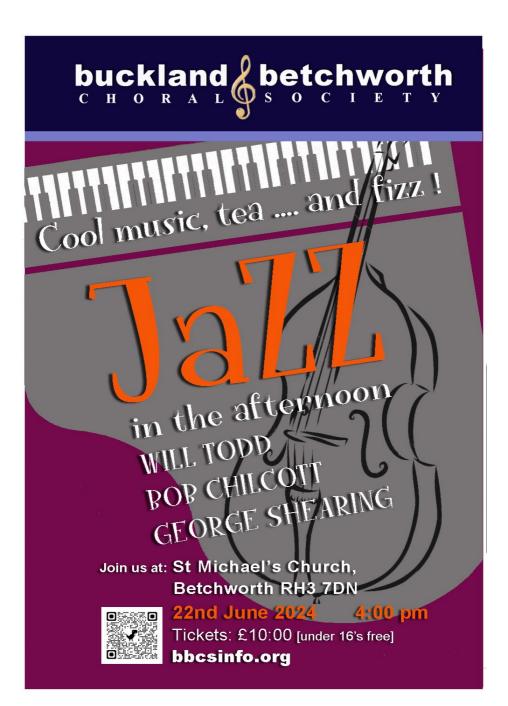
They triumphed in three competitive categories, winning the Diana Pledge Award for highest mark in the accompanied song Verleih uns Frieden by Mendelssohn with special praise for the basses; they shared first prize in the Arthur Lawrence Cup category with Bookham Choral for the ensemble piece Amyntas with his Phyllis Fair by Pilkington; and shared the Widenham Fosbery Silver Hen with Holmbury and Mickleham choirs for the second highest aggregate score.

It was Leith Hill Festival at its best, made poignant by the retirement after eight years of festival conductor Jonathan Willcocks. His successor is Neil Ferris, who is also Chorus Director of the BBC Symphony Chorus.'

We're now busy rehearsing for our summer event and look forward to seeing you at our light, jazzy afternoon concert, which includes pieces by the great Will Todd, Bob Chilcott and George Shearing. We also have the pleasure of welcoming a young Jazz Trio, So, come and enjoy cool music, followed by a glass of fizz and afternoon tea on Saturday 22 June, at St Michael's Church Betchworth. See the poster opposite for ticket details.

Come and sing with us: we welcome new singers of all abilities. No forms to fill in, no auditions – just bring your love of singing. We meet on Wednesdays, 7.45 to 9.45pm at Betchworth Village Hall. Find out more at: www.bbcsinfo.org or call Jean Cooke on 01737 245161.

Sue Chamberlain





Dorking Choral Society invite you to a

HRTCT
The Humphrey Richardson Veylor

Summer Concert

"Paint the meadows with delights"

A programme of beautiful choral music celebrating

Shakespeare and Jazz

Conductor Daniel Mahoney

Saturday 29th June 4.30 - 6.30 pm St Paul's Church, Dorking

Tickets £15

Bring your own refreshments
For more details and to book tickets
visit www.dorkingchoralsociety.org



SONGS FROM THE SILVER SCREEN THE LADYBIRDS CHOIR SATURDAY 15 JUNE AT 3PM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, DORKING

The Ladybirds Choir will take you on a spectacular trip down memory lane including Moon River, the theme from Born Free, Oh happy day, Lara's Theme from Doctor Zhivago. And Waterloo made famous by Abba.

This year the choir is delighted to be raising funds for Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, which supports families who have a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and are available on the door or in advance from 01306 882457 (cash or cheques).

Susan Scarrott

BROCKHAM GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Betchworth * Brockham * Buckland

For our April talk we invited David Ford, chairman of the Surrey Plant Heritage Group to speak about the work of 'Plant Heritage' and the National Plant Collection. There are now 690 National Plant Collections. But many varieties of garden plants are becoming extinct. Not least due to the decline in nurseries. In the 1980s there were 210 nurseries in Surrey, now there are only 60. The National Collections aim to maintain the diverse genetic stock that can only be kept as living plants.

Our Annual Plant sale on 4 May was blessed with truly magnificent weather and also an amazing selection of donations of plants, books and gardening equipment. Heritage tomatoes and other vegetable plants, herbs, perennials, shrubs and saplings were all there to be bought. It was so successful, we pretty much sold out, but anything left over was taken to Buckland, where one of our members sells plants to raise money for the village hall. We would like to thank everyone who helped organise this event, donated plants etc and spent lots of money which resulted in amazing result of £801 raised.

We always welcome new members, so if you would like to join the Horticultural Society or would like more information, please contact us.

bghsociety@hotmail.com, Ruth Johnson

SINGING FOR PLEASURE



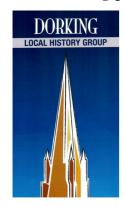
A truly worthwhile experience to go out into the community and present our program. It was much enjoyed by the residents of Broome Park Nursing Home on 29th April.

Our new set of well-known songs is entitled Road, Rail, Air and Sea. I am particularly looking forward to Fly me to the Moon which will no doubt accompany me as a frequent so-called ear worm when I tend to my garden on all those sunny days yet to come.

We are hoping for some new members to join our friendly group. No experience needed. Come and join us in Buckland's Reading Room, Old Road RH2 7EG on the first and third Monday from 10am - noon.

Meike Laurenson 0774 755 1196

DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Talks



WILLIAM MORRIS: ARTIST, TEXTILE DESIGNER & MORE MONDAY 3 JUNE, 7.15pm. CROSSWAYS CHURCH DORKING

Talk by John Hawks about the poet, designer, socialist, preservationist and translator of Icelandic Sagas.

THE LAST LINE: THE 1940 ANTI-INVASION DEFENCES BETWEEN GUILDFORD & DORKING MONDAY 10 JUNE, 7.15pm, ZOOM TALK

Zoom talk by Paul Ferris. An archaeological evaluation of the defences built in 1940 between Guildford and Dorking as fears of a German invasion rose. Book for the link at www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup

Dorking History: The Group's annual journal publishes articles on aspects of the history of Dorking and surrounding villages. If you have researched or are researching an individual, a building, an area, an activity or anything else related to the area, contributions are welcomed (100-3000 words) by the end of July to the Chairman at gwen215@btinternet.com or by hand to Dorking Museum.

David Burton - https://dlhg.org.uk.

DORKING & DISTRICT U3A SUMMER PICNIC AT BUCKLAND PARK LAKE 19 June 2024, 12.30-4.40pm

Our traditional summer picnic will be held at Buckland Park Lake on 19 June 12.30-4.40pm. We will be enjoying a glass of Pimms, cake and coffee and relaxing to the inspirational music performed by our guitar and ukelele groups.



This year we will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in style, with everyone wearing WWII uniforms and costumes. Want to join in the fun? For more information about our picnic and other events, visit www.Dorkingu3a.org.uk or ring 01306 711542 or 01 737 843105.

Ianthe Cox (Buckland resident)

DORKING MUSEUM IN JUNE A NEW EXHIBITION—JOHNSTON SWEEPERS OF DORKING

Sweeping Through History: 100 years of Johnston Sweepers: The current exhibition celebrates the 100th anniversary of Johnston Brothers moving to Dorking. With road construction in its infancy, they acquired the Road Plant Construction Co. Ltd, based in Vincent Lane, where it remained until moving in 1992 to Curtis Road. The exhibition tells the story of a world leading designer and manufacturer of truck mounted road sweepers, with machines operating in 120 countries around the world, and reveals the company's connections to the industrial history of Dorking.

Guided walks and family activities also continue in June—see details and book on the website dorkingmuseum.org.uk

Dorking Museum, 62 West Street. Open Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry. www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. 01306 876591.

David Burton

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Crossword (p.14) Solution

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HISTORICAL NOTES

A book on the History of Buckland is available: **Buckland 1000-2000 with 2020 Vision** by Duncan C Ferns. 300pp, over 250 illustrations and a 600-name index. Purchase from Squires Nursery Buckland, local Waterstones, Amazon online or request to fernsdc@gmail.com.

Buckland (then Bochelant) was mentioned in the Domesday Book as a village of 35 households, a church and a watermill. These days it is a picturesque village covering 1362 acres, with a total population of around 580 in 240 households. Buckland is in the Diocese of Southwark (*Bishop*: The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun) and the Area of Croydon (*Area Bishop*: The Rt. Revd. Rosemarie Mallett).

BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Regular activities in the Reading Room:

Monday am Singing for Pleasure (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Monday pm Art Group

Monday 4.30pm Brownies & Rainbows

Tuesday am Toddlers
 Tuesday 2.15pm Bridge Club
 Thursday 2.15pm Bridge Club

• Thursday evening Yoga

• Saturday am Children's Dance Class

• Saturday pm Sugarcraft Guild (2nd Saturday)

For booking enquiries please contact Stella Cantor, preferably by email:

Bookings4bucklandreadingroom@gmail.com or 01737.843335

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